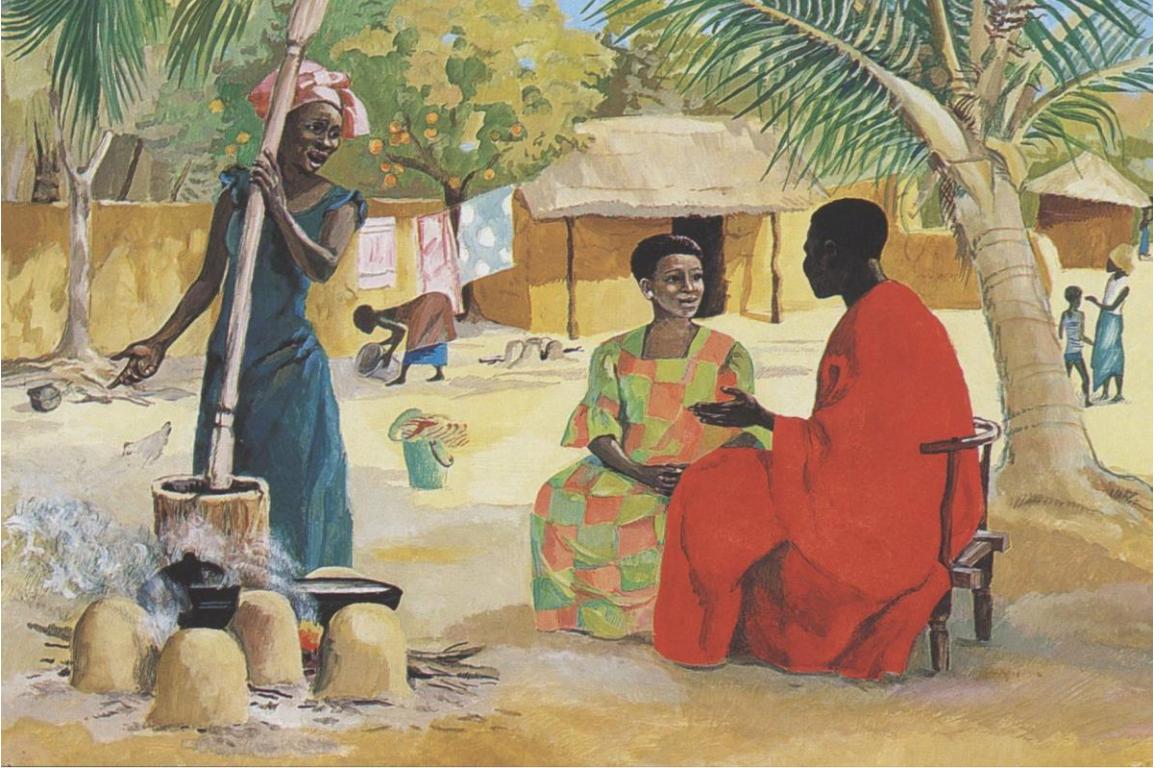




# Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



## Season After Pentecost

July 17, 2022

### Worship Services

9:00 am | 10:30 am

# Welcome to Bethlehem!

We hope you feel a warm welcome at Bethlehem. Please visit our website at [www.blcenc.org](http://www.blcenc.org) for more information about the congregation. If you're visiting with us, please fill out an information card and place it in the offering basket so we can stay connected.

## CHILDREN

All children are welcome in worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (BLC). There is a comfort room at the back of the sanctuary. Busy bags are available in the narthex. During our 10:30 AM service, after Children's Time, children ages 3 years – 6<sup>th</sup> grade may either attend our Learning Circle program or remain with you (currently on hiatus for summer).

## COMMUNION

We practice **open communion** meaning all are welcome to participate. We commune by intinction. The pastor will dip the bread (or gluten-free wafer) into a divided chalice that has white wine or red grape juice. We are happy to bring communion to individuals with limited mobility.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Hearing assistance devices are located at the back of the sanctuary, and reading glasses are available in the narthex.

## PARTICIPATION

The different movements that happen during worship (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are all optional; please engage as you are comfortable or able.

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# GATHERING

## WELCOME

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Merciful God,

**C: We confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.**

L: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**C: Amen.**

## PEACE

## GATHERING SONG

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” – Founds

Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad You're in my life. I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

From the earth to the cross my debt to pay.

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,

Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Lord, I lift Your name on high.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

C: **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

# WORD

## SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-10a

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Thy Word" – Grant & Smith

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.

Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side. I will love You to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

And a light unto my path. You're the light unto my path.

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:38-42

R: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

## SERMON

Pastor Sam Nelson

I am not skilled to understand what God has willed, what God has planned.  
I only know at his right hand stands one who is my savior.

I take him at his word and deed. Christ died to save me this I read.  
And in my heart I find a need for him to be my savior.

That he would leave his place on high, and come for sinful man to die.  
You count it strange, so once did I before I knew my savior.

My savior loves, my savior lives  
My savior's always there for me  
My God he was, my God he is  
My God he's always gonna be (repeat)

Yes, living, dying; let me bring my strength, my solace from this spring.  
That he who lives to be my king once died to be my savior

That he would leave his place on high, and come for sinful man to die.  
You count it strange, so once did I before I knew my savior

My savior loves, my savior lives  
My savior's always there for me  
My God he was, my God he is  
My God he's always gonna be (repeat)

My Savior loves, My Savior lives  
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# MEAL

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you,

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts,

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“In Remembrance” – Courtney & Red

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

# SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN**

“I Saw the Light / I’ll Fly Away” – Williams / Brumley

**I saw the light; I saw the light. No more darkness, no more night.  
Now I’m so happy, no sorrow in sight, praise the Lord, I saw the light**

I’ve wandered so aimless, life filled with sin. I wouldn’t let my dear Savior in.  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night, praise the Lord, I saw the light

**I saw the light; I saw the light. No more darkness, no more night.  
Now I’m so happy, no sorrow in sight, praise the Lord, I saw the light**

Just like a blind man I wandered alone. Worries and fear I claimed for my own.  
Then like a blind man who God gave back his sight,  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

**I saw the light; I saw the light. No more darkness, no more night.  
Now I’m so happy, no sorrow in sight, praise the Lord, I saw the light**

Some glad morning when this life is o’er, I’ll fly away  
To a home on God’s celestial shore, I’ll fly away

**I’ll fly away, O glory, I’ll fly away.  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by I’ll fly away.**

Just a few more weary days, and then, I’ll fly away  
To a land where joys shall never end, I’ll fly away

**I’ll fly away, O glory, I’ll fly away.  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by I’ll fly away (Repeat)  
I’ll fly away I’ll fly away I’ll fly away**

**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ! C: **Thanks be to God!**

# All Are Welcome!

We live in a diverse world. We are hurting, broken and heavy hearted. We are loving, celebrating, and above all — we are welcoming. Regardless of the color of your skin or the color of your hair, regardless of your gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, or political affiliation — you are welcome here.

If you are a believer, a doubter or a seeker after Christ — you have a place here.

If you own, rent, or have nothing at all — you are welcome here.

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person of differing abilities, if you have regrets, fears, addictions, or afflictions — you have a place here.

All who are wise and all who are confused, all who have found love and all who have lost it, all who celebrate this welcome statement and all who fear it — are welcome here.

For these are all of the things that make you who you are: the person God loves. Come as you are and be celebrated for who you are. The time is now. Your place is here. Bethlehem Lutheran Church is an all-inclusive church.



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